1	2	3
Glue and Gelatin	4	369
Glass	22	289
Ceramics	70	611
Cement and Gypsum	21	1706
Timber Products	3	3
Defence Industries	0	0
Miscellaneous Industries	197	15410
TOTAL:	1643	83388

Thrust on leather exports

2368 SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) why the Ministry has not identified leather as a thrust area for exports inspite of having significant export growth prospects and enormous employment potential;

(b) what is India's share in leather exports in the world;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has set a export target of 7 billion $ by 2010; and

(d) if so,what action plan does the Ministry have to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has identified the leather industry as a 'Thrust Sector' in view of its export growth prospects and employment potential.

(b) India's share in the global exports of leather and leather products is 2.51%

(c) and (d) No export target for exports of leather products has been fixed for 2010. However, Government is taking steps to implement the indian leather Development Progamme (ILDP), with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore, *inter alia* for technology upgradation, modernization and expansion of the leather industry as well as for infrastructure development and capacity building. Government is also supporting exports of leather products through the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme and the Market Access Initiative Scheme.